MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN BROSS OR GENERAL CUSHMAN

SUBJECT: CIRIS Machine Program

The NIRB Terms of Reference states that NIRB will

"Serve as custodian of the Consolidated Intelligence
Resource Information System (CIRIS) and support its develop-
ment as a common display maintained across intelligence
resource program lines and reflecting activities, resource
allocations and objectives of the intelligence community as
a whole and of its major component parts."

As you are aware, the principal change in going from TOD
to CIRIS in DoD has been one of integrating the CIRIS directly into the
DoD PPB system and the annual cycle. What this means is that
the Defense portion of CIRIS contains the total resources of the Consoli-
dated Defense Intelligence Program reflected at four different points
in the programming process, i. e., Approved Program, Requested
Program, Program Manager Recommended Program, and CDIP Decision
Program. Thus, the CIRIS becomes a tool which can be used by both
NIRB and my office to follow the course of the process, noting the
resource issues, and their functional and target relationships in the
CIRIS data.

This process places a new demand upon the CIRIS machine
operations in terms of both programming and timing in making the
outputs available to my office and NIRB.

I believe that we should continue the computer operation in a centralized fashion. From a technical and cost standpoint this make sense. It also makes sense from a security and bureaucratic standpoi . However, the new system and our use of it necessitates a more effecti and efficient means of handling the CIRIS output.

In brief, I believe we must in DASD(I) have a direct query capability of the CIRIS data. As I understand it, our CIRIS people have been looking at this problem for some time and are prepared to provid us with an implementation plan.

I recommend that we place this item on the agenda for the next NIRB meeting and direct the CIRIS committee to produce an implementation plan within two weeks for NIRB consideration. It is important that we have an early-decision on this matter if we are to have any capability for direct query in the CY 1971 cycle. I also recommend that the CIRI committee submit preliminary cost figures for (a) CIRIS Programming and Machining in CY 1970 and CY 1971 and (b) the cost of placing a terminal in the DASD(I) office.

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